

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JOSE CASTRO,

Plaintiff,

-against-

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,
Defendant.

1:21-cv-01937 (JLR) (GRJ)

ORDER

JENNIFER L. ROCHON, United States District Judge:


By separate order today, the Court will issue an Amended Order of Reference to the Magistrate Judge for purposes of Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees. Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED that, to conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before the Magistrate Judge.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, they must, **within two weeks of the date of this Order**, submit to the Court a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, a copy of which is attached to the Amended Order of Reference (and also available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/consent-proceed-us-magistrate-judge>). If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before the Magistrate Judge rather than before this Court. Any appeal would be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, as it would be from this Court if the consent form were not signed and so ordered. An information sheet on proceedings before magistrate judges is also attached to the Amended Order of Reference.

If any party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the Magistrate Judge, the parties must file a joint letter, **within two weeks of the date of this Order**, advising the Court that the parties do not consent, **but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent**. No adverse consequences will result from the withholding of that consent.

Dated: April 18, 2023
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.



JENNIFER L. ROCHON
United States District Judge